APPENDIX II.

3551/21/P. B. C. 10th July 1946.

Copy of G. O. R. O. C. No. 8061/46/Rev. dated 22-6-46 addressed to the Division Peishkar, Trivandrum.

Sub :—Lease of certain poramboke lands in the Thovala taluk for cultivation of food crops under the Grow More Food Campaign-proposal from the Director of Agriculture.

Government sanction the lands noted at foot in the Thovala taluk being leased out to cultivators in small blocks for raising food crops for a period of three years. The members of the backward communities should be preferred in leasing out the lands which have been earmarked for assignment to them.

Arrangements may be made for the lease of the lands at an early date.

LANDS TO BE LEASED.

1. 500 acres of poramboke lands in S. No. 1964 of the Erachikulam pakuthy, Thovala taluk, out of the block reserved for Government for grazing purposes.

2. 20,000 acres of lands in Ananthapuram pakuthy, lying by the side of the hill extending from Azhakiapandipuram to Thovala.

3. The following blocks of lands which have been earmarked for assignment to the backward communities, but not availed of by them.

Name of pakuthy.	*Area.*
1. Thovala	5·85 acres.
2. Esantimangalam	34·77 ,,
3. Chiramatam	9·39 ,,
4. Azhakiapandipuram	1865·85 ,,
5. Ananthapuram	373·35 ,,
6. Darsanamcope	14·17 ,,

Forwarded to Yesudian, M. L. A., Neyyoor, for information.

(Signed.)
R. V. POTHUVAL.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT : Order, Order. I have to make an announcement and then deal with an adjournment motion which I have received.

Government have noticed with attention the gist of the speeches delivered during the general debate and during the discussion on the grant under General Administration. They have realised that there is a feeling in the House, which I take reflects the feeling in the country that the sum of 1 crore of rupees set apart for village uplift is considered inadequate to deal with the present condition in the villages. Government have therefore decided, in response to public opinion so far manifested, to give an additional sum of

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Rs. 10 lakhs to be taken from the Postwar Reconstruction Funds to be spent on village uplift during 1122. (Hear,hear) Rs. 10 lakhs more would therefore be spent on village uplift in addition to the income or interest from the one crore of rupees.

In order to see that public opinion is focussed on the manner and method of spending, the honourable members of this House will be requested to elect 3 members to serve on a committee for the purpose of dealing with the expenditure and the other honourable House will be asked to elect 2 members. In addition to these members a few members will be nominated by Government and it will be the duty of these members to deal with the question of allocation and expenditure of this Rs. 10 lakhs within this year. This is apart from the income from one crore of rupees already set apart.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of a motion for adjournment from Mr. K. K. Chellappan Pillai.

> "I beg leave to move for an adjournment of the business to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the situation arising from the labour strike at the Paper Mills Punalur.
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> The labourers at Punalur Paper Mills have struck work and this is the sixth day of the strike. A serious situation has developed in consequence; hence this motion."

I am going to make a statement on this matter and I trust that as a result of that statement Mr. Chellappan Pillai may find it possible not to press for a debate on that matter now. The position in the State is one of some complexity. Definitely there is a move to organise strikes in every industry. On every occasion attempts are made to start a general strike throughout the State consequent on the difficulty in one industry. That I am not making that statement at random is clear from the papers which are before me. Mr.C.O. Mathew presided over a meeting of the Punalur Paper Mill workers on 25-7-46 attended by about 120 persons. In the course of his speech, he announced that the Executive Committee of the All-Travancore Estate Workers' Union has decided to observe sympathetic strikes if an amicable settlement is not made within a week regarding the, Paper Mill Labour dispute. The All Travancore Estate Workers Union deals with an agricultural organisation in Munnar and Peermade. The operations there will come to a standstill if the dispute in the Punalur Paper Mill is not settled within a week. He also criticised the attitude of the Mill management in asking some clerks to do a special item of work in the Mills usually attended to by ordinary coolies.

Then the Quilon Municipal scavengers, of whom 25 are against strike and 12 in favour, have met and decided to conduct a strike. They have said that it will be a general strike unless the scavengers' demands are satisfied. Then the Rubber Factory workers presided over by Mr. Parameswaran Pillai have decided to launch a general strike if the management does not redress their grievance.

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